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PERU.

Report from Callao—Plague situation.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, April 22, as follows:

Week ended April 16, 1905.

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	New cases.	Died.	Discharged.	Remaining.
Lima.....	4	3	0	3
Chiclayo.....	6	5	1	16
Eten.....	0	0	0	2
Lambayeque.....	1	0	0	7
Chepen.....	0	1	0	1
Mollendo	7	5	7	48
Total.....	18	14	8	77

I am indebted to the health officer, Lima, for the information contained in this report.

Peruvian consular bills of health state that there are 35 cases of plague under treatment in Pisagua, Chile (April 17).

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Plague and smallpox—Inspection of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, March 25 and April 5, 7, and 13, as follows:

During the week ended March 18, 1905, the following quarantinable diseases were reported for the city of Manila:

Smallpox.—1 case, no deaths.

Plague.—3 cases, 2 deaths.

Smallpox.—On March 13, 1905, two weeks had elapsed since the disinfection by the Service of the battle ship *Wisconsin* on account of smallpox occurring on board, and no further cases have appeared. Smallpox continues to manifest itself at various places throughout the Islands.

Plague.—There has been a gradual increase in the number of cases of plague in Manila and Cebu. The disease is likewise on the increase in Hongkong and Amoy.

During the week the following vessels cleared from Manila for United States ports:

On February 15, 1905, the U. S. army transport *Sherman* was granted a bill of health for San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu. There were on board 188 crew and 123 cabin and 543 steerage passengers. The crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected. Vessel was partially disinfected. Cargo either disinfected or passed and so labeled. All persons on board were inspected immediately prior to the sailing of the vessel.

On February 18, 1905, the U. S. army transport *Sheridan* with 187 crew, 106 cabin and 443 steerage passengers was granted a bill of health for Portland, Oreg., via Nagasaki, Japan. The Fourteenth regiment, U. S. Infantry, and its equipment was embarked at Calbayog under the supervision of this office, an officer of this service accompa-

nying the transport for that purpose. The crew and all steerage passengers were bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected at the Mariveles Quarantine Station. Cargo which was passed was so labeled, and the remainder disinfected. The 736 persons on board were inspected prior to the departure of the vessel from this port.

Week ended March 25, 1905. Quarantinable diseases:

Smallpox.—2 cases, no deaths.

Plague.—2 cases, 2 deaths.

During the week one vessel cleared for the United States.

On March 24, 1905, the American steamer *Pleiades*, bound for Tacoma, was granted a bill of health. The storerooms and forecastles of the vessel were fumigated with sulphur. The entire crew was vaccinated while vessel was in port. Eight thousand six hundred and two pieces of cargo passed before being loaded. Persons on board, 57 crew and 4 passengers, were inspected at the hour of sailing.

Week ended April 1, 1905. Quarantinable diseases:

Smallpox.—No cases, no deaths.

Plague.—2 cases, 2 deaths.

During the week the following vessels cleared for the United States:

On March 31, 1905, the British steamer *St. Fillans*, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health. Forecastles and storerooms of vessel were fumigated with sulphur. Crew were all vaccinated. Cargo passed and manifests certified. Crew of 34 were inspected on board prior to sailing.

On April 1, 1905, the British steamer *Queen Helena*, hemp and sugar laden, cleared for Boston and New York via Cebu, P. I. The vessel was fumigated throughout while in port, cargo passed, and manifests signed. Inspection of crew to be made at Cebu.

Week ended April 8, 1905. Quarantinable diseases:

Smallpox.—No cases, no deaths.

Plague.—One case, 1 death.

Smallpox.—Smallpox still continues to be reported in various places throughout the islands, but so far the mortality has been very slight, which is no doubt due to the fact that the majority of the cases occur among the Filipinos, and this disease in that race is almost invariably very mild.

Plague.—Sporadic cases of plague are reported from time to time. The number of cases occurring in Manila this year since January 1, 1905, was 10 less than for the corresponding period last year. It would then appear that this disease is under thorough control and need give very little cause for alarm.

The following vessels cleared for the United States:

On April 6, 1905, the American steamer *Shawmut*, en route to Tacoma via Hongkong and Japan ports, was granted a bill of health. Baggage labeled, cargo certified. Persons on board, 138 crew, 46 cabin and 33 steerage passengers, inspected at hour of sailing.

On April 6, 1905, the American steamer *Siberia* cleared for Hongkong, taking cargo destined for the United States for transshipment at Hongkong. Baggage for United States inspected and passed and so labeled. Cargo certified.